

A RESOLUTION to honor Kimberly Byrd-Kearney and Joshua
Kearney upon being nominated for the Ebony
Pyramid Award.

WHEREAS, every two years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority nominates single-parent black families for the Ebony Pyramid Award, a Black Family Achievement Award recognizing the challenges and accomplishments of an exemplary parent and child or children; and

WHEREAS, this year's nominees include Kimberly Byrd-Kearney of Knoxville and her nine-year old son Joshua Kearney; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly and Joshua are a fine example of a single-parent black family; an example from which other single parents can learn and strive to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly and Joshua serve as mother-son role models as they "have a very close relationship" and together they are active in Joshua's education, community and civic affairs, and church-related activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Byrd-Kearney is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center where she has received the CARE Award of Excellence; she is a graduate of Fulton High School and Sinclair Community College and she attended Tennessee Technological University and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she serves as secretary of the Upsilon Chapter of Chi Eta Phi nursing sorority and participates in community health fairs and blood pressure screenings; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of loving and supportive parents, Kimberly whole-heartedly believes in educational encouragement and a Christian upbringing; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly and Joshua belong to the parent-child organization, Jack and Jill of America and are active members of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, where the two attend weekly Christian Family Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating her commitment to God and devotion to Christian service, Ms. Byrd-Kearney serves on the church hospitality committee and is co-director of the children's choir; and

WHEREAS, noting that her "father taught us to believe in prayer; to put God first in our lives", Kimberly encourages Joshua as he sings in the choir and is an outstanding student at First Apostolic Christian School; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we congratulate Kimberly and her son Joshua upon receiving their much deserved nomination for an Ebony Pyramid Award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Kimberly Byrd-Kearney and Joshua Kearney upon being nominated for the Black Family Achievement Ebony Pyramid Award and wish them well this Saturday, April 22, 1995, as the winner of this prestigious award is selected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.